The Division of School Planning of the Department of Public Instruction has just completed a survey of schools in Montgomery County. This survey indicated that there is a downward trend in the school aged population in the county that is likely to continue well into the planning period. Therefore, it is anticipated that no additional school sites will be needed in the Biscoe area during the twenty year planning period.

Open Space: The Land Development Plan proposes that the natural drainageways and creeks in the area be protected from any disrupting development. In addition to their natural function of draining away surface water, these areas can also serve as buffers between different types of land use. Sections of these strips can tie the proposed system of community and neighborhood parks together, by being developed as hiking, riding and biking trails.

SKETCH THOROUGHFARE PLAN

The permanence of streets and highways and their high cost of construction and maintenance demands careful planning and development of a transportation network that will best serve both existing and future development. Streets and highways perform two basic functions: 1) circulation of traffic to, through and around the planning area, and 2) access to individual properties within the area. These two functions are basically incompatible. The conflict is usually not very serious if both functions are at a fairly low level. But when traffic volumes are high as a result of either through traffic or intensive land use, or both, the conflict results in intolerable congestion.

A thoroughfare plan attempts to provide a functional system of streets and highways that will permit movement of people and goods from origin to destination with directness, ease and safety. Different streets are designed to perform different functions. This policy reduces cost of both construction and maintenance as well as minimizing traffic and land use conflicts.

Streets and highways of a transportation system for a small urban area are classified by function as follows: